

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-36 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed January 30, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-32 [sic] under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jaszcak et al. (USP 6,629,469) in view of Carey et al. (USP 5,052,934). The Examiner next rejected claims 34-36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jaszcak et al. in view of Carey et al. further in view of Jiang (USP 6,498,828).

On May 23, 2005, Applicant filed a Rule 131 affidavit overcoming the filing date of Jaszcak et al., USP 6,629,469. Accordingly, the disclosure relied on by the Examiner to reject claims 1 and 4-36 based on Jaszcak et al. has been disqualified. Further, Carey et al. and Jiang fail to teach or suggest that called for in claims 1 and 4-36.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1 and 4-36.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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